Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there no land tax ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Land tax is under consideration.

CENSUS REPORT—1941

198. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cochin Census Report of 1941 has been published;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether Government did not state in reply to question No. 3 in the last Budget Session of the Legislative Council that the Census Report has been drafted and it will be ready for publication early in 1119;

(*c*) what the delay in publishing the report is due to:

(*d*) whether the 1941 Census Reports of the Madras and Travancore Governments have been published ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The drafting of the report was over by the close of the last year. The draft report had to be scrutinized and approved by Government for which a reference to the Resident was necessary.

(*d*) There is no report for the Province of Madras this time. The Travancore Census Report has been published.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government would be able to publish the report in 1120 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

MULLURKAYAL SCHEME

199. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received complaints about the Mullurkayal scheme with reference to the serious loss to the agriculturists, the inadequacy of compensation, the inequitable decisions of revenue officials, the improper discharge of duties imposed by specific order of the Engineering Department ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Complaints alleging loss, damages, etc., have been received. Adequate compensation has been awarded for the lands occupied for the storage scheme, with due regard to their yielding capacity, cultivation expenses, damages, etc. It is not understood what exactly is meant by the terms "inequitable decisions of Revenue Officials" and "improper discharge of duties imposed by specific order of the Engineering Department."

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there are complaints that adjoining properties are assessed at different rates of income.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there are complaints that the sluices that are dumped up for the purposes of storing water are not properly opened at the proper time.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The bunds have been properly opened. There have been complaints. But they have been properly looked into.

KOLE CULTIVATION—1119

200. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total area over which Kole cultivation was had in this year, 1119 M. E.

(*b*) the total quantity of paddy realised from the crops raised on all the Kole lands;

(*c*) the quantity of paddy sold to and purchased by the Government;

(*d*) the approximate quantity of paddy left with the owners or cultivators ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) 11,500 acres. (12,000 minus 500 acres comprising the low lying portion of Mullurkayal lake).

(*b*) 8,05,000 paras approximately.

(*c*) 4,11,832 paras were requisitioned.

(*d*) 3,93,168 paras approximately.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether any specific data have been passed for leaving thousands of paras of paddy with these cultivators and owners.

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That depends upon the minimum requirements of the cultivators, *viz.*, for consumption, for agricultural labour and seeds.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether kole land paddy is also sold at the rate of Rs. 1—6—0 per para.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether out of 8,05,000 paras of paddy, how many are the owners of it.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are they not having one lakh of para individually?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Are these seed grains left with the owners themselves?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is left with the persons from whom we purchase. The cultivators themselves keep it.

MEASURING OF PADDY AND RICE—TRICKS REGARDING

201. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Government aware of the clever tricks and malpractices adopted in connection with the measuring out of rice and paddy, etc.;

(*b*) whether any specific complaints have been received and what action taken?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) Government are aware of the possibility of tricks and malpractices being resorted to in measuring out rice and paddy.

(*b*) Complaints in regard to measurements have been received in some cases. They were enquired into and wherever action was called for it has been taken.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: "പാഡി പർച്ചേസിങ്ങ് ആഫീസർ" പാട്ടം, മിച്ച വാരം വകയിൽ അളന്നെടുത്ത നെല്ല് ജന്മിയുടെ അടുക്കൽ കൊണ്ടുചെന്നപ്പോൾ പാരാ തെവന്നവനും, നായരമ്പലം, എടവനക്കാട് എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും വല്ല ഹർജ്ജികളും കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

FOOD GRAINS—DISTRIBUTION OF—LICENSED SHOPS

202. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Government arranged to distribute food grains to the licensed shop keepers of Northern part of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk;

(*b*) where the Central Depot is situated for those parts;

(*c*) is that depot working satisfactorily;

(*d*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to establish a depot of the same type for the southern part of Cochin?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are two depots one at Narakkal and the other at Chowwara.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) There does not seem to be any scope for opening a sub-depot for this area alone as the number of retail shops here are not many.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, what the number of retail shops in the Southern part of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk is?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In Mattancheri 51, Palluruthi 49, Narakkal 55, Pallippuram 45, Ernakulam 35, Trippunittura 24, Mulanthuruthy 22, Ernakulam Rural South 25, Ernakulam North 33, Chowwara 9.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Government do not feel the necessity of having a sub-depot at Pallippuram or Chennamangalam.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We have got one at Narakkal. That is sufficient for Pallippuram.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: For Chennamangalam?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: For Chennamangalam we can issue from Cranganur.

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